



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Matthew Blankenship, of Marshfield, Missouri, joined the Marshfield Fire Protection District as a volunteer firefighter in 2009, and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 20, 2013, Lieutenant Blankenship, age 38, died of injuries sustained during firefighting operations at a structure fire on July 13, 2013, while serving the citizens of the Marshfield Fire Protection District; and

**WHEREAS**, firefighters courageously and unselfishly strive to ensure the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the brave individuals in the firefighting profession who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work hard to protect the lives and the property of their fellow citizens.

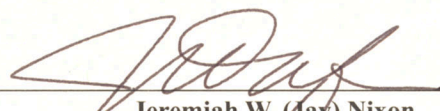
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

### LIEUTENANT MATTHEW BLANKENSHIP

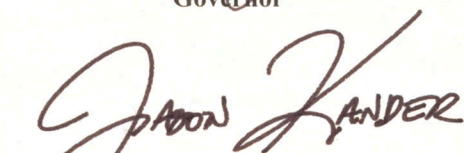
and for his bravery and service to the Marshfield Fire Protection District do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in Webster County, Missouri, for one full day on July 25, 2013, from sunrise to sunset.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2013.



  
Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

Attest:

  
Secretary of State